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For: CARD INSULATOR AND RETENTION GUIDE FOR A COMPUTER
SYSTEM HAVING HOT PLUGABLE ADAPTER CARDS

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RESTRICTION RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2002, please enter the following remarks and amendments into the above-referenced application:

REMARKS

This is a Response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2002. Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application.

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-19 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In particular, the Examiner stated that:

**This application contains claims directed to the following
patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:**

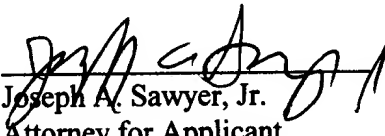
Embodiment I Figures 1-2
Embodiment II Figures 3-4

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims are generic.

Applicant hereby elects claims 1-4, 8-10 and 14-19, without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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